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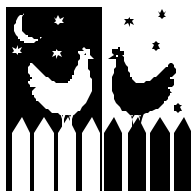
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the East, generally steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair, best where featured. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food channels. Supplies were usually sufficient, but heavier weights in the East were ample and often discounted to help clear. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to tight, breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat was usually adequate, at times barely adequate for leg quarters into export. Trading was mixed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.25 cents last year on the 22nd of March, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

### DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	145.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50
LEG QUARTERS	24.50
WINGS	97.50

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 03/17/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	183,848	184,452
CHICKS PLACED	149,104	147,869
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		0
		+01

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 17, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 17, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 17, 2001 were 1.58 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 148.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.89 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady. Offerings of heavy weights fully adequate, small sizes adequate. Buyers' interest centered on regular commitments. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best by fast food and stores where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was fully steady on leg quarters and generally steady on balance of parts.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fairly good. Interest for dark meat increased both domestically and on leg quarters for export needs. Wings were adequate to well cleared, and breast items were sufficient to close balanced where features were active. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Whole fryer offerings adequate for buyers' current needs. Fill in trading in Chicago noted at 49 cents. Retail demand light to fair with features stimulating some additional interest. Chicago feature activity on whole fryers at 99 cents, leg quarters at 39 cents and boneless skinless breasts at \$2.49. Food service movement slow to instances fairly good into fast food channels. Floor stocks generally adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to tight, leg quarters adequate to instances barely adequate, breast items at least adequate. The market tone was fully steady on wings, steady to fully steady on leg quarters, steady on the balance of items.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light and spotty and the bulk today's activity centered on previous commitments. Offerings were more than sufficient for normal mid-week lighter needs, particularly on the heavier weight sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow; floor stocks were adequate and held in close balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Wings continued to clear well. Offerings of bone-in and boneless skinless breasts increased and supplies were fully sufficient for immediate needs. Leg items from nearby shippers were at least adequate.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light and unaggressive. Offerings ranged adequate to ample and were more readily available on the 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes which were competitively priced and slow in clearing. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Wings were in good balance to closely cleared. Bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were available. Leg items were at least adequate for immediate needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED

#### U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.86
NO. OF BOXES	11,889

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 21, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	934	120.00-210.00	140-149	145.70
TENDERLOINS	175	140.00-215.00	140-145	149.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	30.00-41.00	30-33	31.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	463	19.50-23.00	21-22	21.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,516	23.00-25.00	-	24.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	95.00-99.00	95-97	96.30
WINGS (CUT)	688	107.00-119.00	108-110	112.12
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	96	81.00-93.50	-	87.49

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	929	120.00-210.00	140-149	143.88
TENDERLOINS	160	145.00-215.00	-	153.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	30.00-41.00	31-33	31.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	20.00-23.00	21-22	21.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,716	23.00-25.00	-	24.18
WINGS (WHOLE)	236	95.00-96.00	-	95.85
WINGS (CUT)	649	104.00-119.00	107-109	109.54
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.75 - 54.00	50.65	47.25 - 53.50	49.92	49.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and selective. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were irregular; however, the bulk of sales were at lower trending prices. Availability of bone-in breasts had increased and supplies were at least adequate for the cautious buyer. Leg items were at least adequate for immediate needs. Wings were well balanced to closely cleared. Retail and distributive movement remained generally slow; floor stock were adequate and held in close balance with needs. The market tone was fully steady on wings, steady to weak on the balance of items.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	136.52	627,020
TENDERLOINS	130-135	136.70	179,779
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	74.20	252,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	69.56	124,000
LEGS	33-34	36.36	182,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	23.06	598,951
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.86	177,820
THIGHS	29-30	30.78	122,430
B/S THIGHS	87-88	89.66	51,330
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.95	431,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	73,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.19	71,145
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.93	90,060

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	139.81	493,000
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.85	103,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	66-67	74.42	231,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	66	69.73	84,600
LEGS	33-34	37.24	184,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	23.12	316,123
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.56	160,200
THIGHS	29-30	36.33	94,360
B/S THIGHS	87-88	89.62	60,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	100.25	376,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	75,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.41	64,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.63	96,440

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/21	03/20	03/19	03/16	03/14
ALA	3,618	3,738	3,815	3,641	5.11
ARK	5,142	5,271	5,075	4,421	4.94
DELMARVA	2,338	2,327	2,186	2,066	5.10
KY-LA-TN	1,830	1,714	1,905	1,945	4.53
MISS	2,549	2,757	2,711	2,643	5.10
NC	2,390	2,531	2,448	2,396	5.87
TEXAS	2,243	2,306	2,287	2,216	4.93
TOTAL	20,110	20,644	20,427	19,328	5.08
MON-WED	61,606(A)				61,179(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Mar 01 and is estimated to be 30,087,000 down 3.48 percent from a week ago and down 2.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,815,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-94
	DRY PACK	102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-117
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-117
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-170

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAR 24-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/24/01 (1)	03/17/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	153,358 (2)	154,761
LT HENS	1,958	1,811
HVY HENS	1,408	1,406
CHECK TOTAL	156,724	157,978

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Mar-01 is 152.3 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.7 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 31-Mar-01 the estimated available is 150.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 19-Mar-01	124,032		60,233	
AM 1-Mar-01	103,319		62,929	
CHG	20,713		-2,696	
PCT CHG	20		-4	

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	03/19/01	03/12/01	03/20/00	03/19/01	03/12/01	03/20/00
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	11,433	7,099	15,346	5,989	5,981	13,833
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	180	186	132	2,432	2,562	3,660

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 03/20/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	1.30	.80	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.25	.55	.40	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.30	1.10	.88	BANTAMS ea.	.75	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.25	.60	.45	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.55	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	8.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.25	.86	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	4.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	3.75	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.50	-	TURKEYS ea.	11.50	18.50	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.60	1.26	DUCKS ea.	-	13.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.60	1.19	RABBITS ea.	2.75	3.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.00	9.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	3.00	3.25	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.75	2.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 176

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2001

		RANGE
<b>HENS</b>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-62
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending March 16, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	62.80	132.21	70.83	18.89	3.31	40.13
High	64.22	141.65	75.55	23.61	3.78	40.13
Mostly	62.80	141.65	75.55	18.89	3.31	40.13
SAN JUAN						
Low	60.44	122.77	80.27	28.33	4.72	46.75
High	64.22	141.65	99.16	40.13	8.50	49.58
Mostly	60.44	132.21	89.71	33.05	5.67	49.58
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	62.33	122.77	66.10	14.17	3.31	40.13
High	63.74	141.65	75.55	23.61	3.78	40.13
Mostly	62.33	132.21	70.83	18.89	3.31	40.13
BECERRA						
Low	59.49	127.49	80.27	28.33	7.08	49.58
High	63.74	146.37	99.16	37.77	9.44	49.58
Mostly	59.49	136.93	89.71	33.05	7.08	49.58

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